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HOUSE APPROVES \$200,000 TO HELP RENOVATE UW-MARSHFIELD / WOOD COUNTY SCIENCE LABS

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Seventh District
Congressmen Dave Obey (D-WI) announced today
that the U.S. House of Representatives has
approved his request for \$200,000 in federal funds
to help renovate the science labs at UW-Marshfield
/ Wood County to enhance safety and science
education for the University's students.

“A firm understanding of modern science is crucial in the 21st century, and there is no better way to get that understanding than by hands on experiments in a lab,” said Obey, the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee and the Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Education. “I’m glad the House approved my request for these funds to help the University renovate its labs.”

UW-Marshfield/Wood County has a solid reputation for providing a quality education, but its existing labs have not been updated since their construction in 1964, leaving some of the facility obsolete. Obey requested the funds in the FY08 Labor, Health,

Education Appropriations Bill to help the University refurbish its labs to bring them up to date and to improve safety for both students and faculty.

“The bill must still be approved by the Senate and signed by the President before it becomes law,”

Obey concluded. “But having these funds included in the House approved version means we’ve overcome the first big hurdle.”

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